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From the papers in the pension claim, S. 5295, it appears that Nathan Bowen enlisted at Marblehead, Massachusetts December 26, 1776, and served as private for three months in Captain Nathaniel Lindsay's Company of Massachusetts Militia. He served from November 8, 1777, to April 2, 1778, as Orderly Sergeant in Captain John Devereux' Company, Colonel Gerrish's Regiment. Also from April 2, 1778, to July 2, 1778, as Ensign and Third Lieutenant, in Captain Simeon Brown's Company, Colonel Gerrish's Regiment. And from August 2, 1778, as a private, for two months, in a company of volunteer boatmen, at the ferry between the Island of Rhode Island and Tiverton, under Colonel William R. Lee.

He was allowed pension, on his application executed August 10, 1832, while living in Marblehead, Massachusetts, aged nearly 80 years. He died August 9, 1837. There is no data on file as to his family.

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433 BOSTON RECORDS, 1691 to 1768. MS. by Mr. Drake. Also, N. Bowen's Order-book, 1778 (during the military occupation of Boston under Gen. Heath and the sojourn of the Saratoga prisoners). 12°. (2.)

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April 6th 1778 —

Nathan Bowen's
Book of General Orders
1778.

The writing in this book
is that of Samuel G.
Drake. Justin Winsor
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Head Quarters Boston

Thursday April 9 1778

We with a few of our Company set out from Marble head & got in Camp towards Evening

A List of the Marblehead men belonging to Capt. Browns Company

Hallowell
B. Bowman
J. Bassett
Drammond
J. Turner
Prichard
Picket
Black
W. Skinner
Apl. 10th
Nat Stacey
Thos Calley
Jos. Peach

Thos Nicleson
Jno Anthony
Ben Pedrick

Thos Chever
Micajah Newhall
Robert Pelt
Wm Bowen

15th
Wm Doyle
John Chapman

"
N. Bowman
N. Coldsmith
J. Humphreys
A. Humphreys

Apl. 20. The whole Company consists of 75 officers & all.

Head Quarters April 8th 1778.
Field officer of the Day tomorrow Col. Reed.

April 9.

The General is exceeding sorry to hear that any injury is done to private property by destruction of fences, & expects strict attention be paid to the order of yesterday & in the most express and positive manner orders that every person who is found destroying Publick or private property shall be immediately sent to the main guard to be brought to trial for this offence This is to be observed in every corps & with the troops of the Convention Maj. Reed is to detach one Company from Col. Starks Regt. to morrow morning to Cambridge where they

are to be attached to & do Duty with Col. Reed's regt. One Capt. two Lieut. Four Sargents one fifer & Drum & 60 rank & file who have had ye small pox are to be detach'd from the regt of Guards doing Duty at Cambridge to do Duty in Boston. They are to march into town tomorrow morng. The Patroles are to be kept up as usual vigilance at Cambridge.

April 9th 1778.

After orders — His Excellency Gen Washington having been pleased some months since, in ye most express & positive terms to forbid ye gaming in the Army or by Officers on command or recruiting The Gen'l flatters himself that a most strict obedience will be pd to his Excellency's order; & that all gaming

prohibited by his Excellency's order will be carefully avoided by the officers & soldiers in this Department, as it will be very disagreeable to him to be under the necessity of calling any officer to an account for such practices. — The playing of billiards or back-gammun will be consid^d. as a breach of these orders ..... As part of the troops have lately come into garrison it will not be amiss to inform that for every Cartridge which is wasted, 6^d L^g. will be stop^d out of pay of the offender.

April 11th 1778

All officers commanding corps whether Continental or militia are desired to exert their utmost endeavours to establish & maintain good order & discipline on Sunday

The men off Duty in the respective corps are seasonably to parade without Arms & are to be led by their officers to the most convenient places of worship. They are to march in an orderly manner & behave with becoming decency whilst attending Divine Service. The Soldiers are also strictly forbid unnecessary Strolling the Streets on Sundays or spending their time in Sports & diversions. The Drums are not to beat [2d] the Streets on Sunday or on their own Parades, excepting for the purpose of regulating the necessary Duty of the garison

April 14th 1778.

Col. Crafts will immediately reinforce Lieut. Col. Revere at ye Castle with 20 men from his Regt. of Artillery.

The Detachment of militia now doing duty at Governors Island are to remove immediately to the Castle where they are to do Duty under ye Direction Lt. Col. Revere. Officer of the Day tomorrow Col. Gerrish.

April 15th, 1778.

Capt. Lyman being called to join his regiment. The Genl excuses him from acting any longer as Town Major & thanks him for his good services. Major A. Brown is to act as Town Majr at Cambg. — Lt. Col. Jones will please to send into Boston this afternoon such men as have had ye small pox except such as may be necessary to be detained for drawing provision. Officer of the Day tomorrow Lt. Col. Goodwin.

April 16th 1778.

The detachment of such as have had ye small Pox, directed by order of the 10th inst to be sent from ye regim^t^. of Guards at Cambg. to this Town to be compleated this afternoon of ab^t^. The Commanding officers will please to take due notice. — The Genl once more in the most express & positive terms forbid the recruiting officers inlisting any prisoners or deserters from the enemy, as they will be answerable for all damage that may accrue.

May 1st 1778. After orders from Head Quarters May 3d. A Special Genl Court Martial is to set on Tuesday morning next at 9 o'c at y^e^

Coffee House for the Trial of Ens. John Brown of Col. Greatons regt. now under arrest charged with behaving in an infamous, scandalous manner unbecoming an officer & Gent. — Col. Lee Presidt

Lt. Col. Hopkins	Members	Capt. Winslow
Maj. Curtis		" Jackson
Maj. Swasey		" Archbald
Capt. Lyman		Lt. McLane
Capt. Fox		Lt. Newman
Capt. Langdon		Lt. Bonewell

Capt. Robt. Allen Judge Advocate

After Order May 4th 1778.

Capt. Hinckley light Compy. with Parties is to attend the Funeral of Capt. Foster at Roxbury tomorrow precisely at 4 Oc.

May 8th 1778

Field officer of the Day tomorrow Lt. Col. Goodwin. Thos. Harrison a

Soldier in Col. Tupper's regt. Tryed at the Genl Court-Martial whereof Col. Crane is president for Desertion. The Court having duly considered ye evidence produced agst Thomas Harrison together with many other circumstances find him guilty of desertion, Sentence him to be shot to death

The Genll Approve The Sentence & orders that Thos. Harrison be shot to death on ye Bottom of the Common in Boston Thursday The ~~22~~ 21st instant at 10 o'clock A.M.

Sergeant Robert Stewart tried at the same ~~time~~ Genll Court Martial for inlisting twice & passing master under a feigned name & receiving several Towns Bounties pleads guilty.

Sergeant Joseph Graves & John

Bryant a Private soldier, both belonging to Col. Gradons Regt. tried at the same Genll Court Martial for inlisting twice & passing muster by feigned names & receiving two Bounties, severally pleaded Guilty.

The Court having taken into consideration ye Crimes Committed by Sergeant [Stow ard] together with many aggravated Circumstances at ye same ~~time~~ Do Sentence him to be reduced to ye ranks, receive one Hundred Lashes on his naked back & refund ye Bounties he received.

The Court also Sentence Bryant to receive 50 Lashes on his naked Back & Refund the Bounties he recd on his 2d Inlistment.

The Genll Approves ye three foregoing Sentences & orders that Adjutant Dunk-

only See them put into execution on Tuesday next at one o Clock A. M. on ye Common by ye Drummers of Col. Hamby Regt. The Troops in Town off duty to attend, & as soon as the Bounties are refunded the Prisoners to join their regts.

Guard tomorrow Capt. Prebble Lt Bowen.

May 11th 1778

Maj. Jona Pollard is appointed D.A.G. for this Department.

The Carpenters are to be immediately detached from ye regt. of Guards at Cambridge & sent to Rutland to work on ye barracks They will have the same additional Pay as those lately ordered to ye Fleet - one Supn 2 Sargents 4 Corpls 1 Drummer Fife & all ye Privates belonging

to the regt. of Guards who have had the Small pox are to be immediately detached to do Duty in this Town [Boston] It is apprehended that the Town will be clear of ye Infection in a few Days when this detachment & that some time since ordered from the regt of Guards will be directed to join their respective Corps Coll° Crafts will order one of the ~~Companies~~ Comp^y^ of Artillery now doing Duty at Hull to join those companies now doing duty in this Town he will Please to order ye 18 pounder belonging to ye United States which is at Hull to Boylston Wharf where it is to be mounted on a Travelling Carriage.

May 12

Thos. Harrison under sentence of Death having represented that he had some material evidence which was not produced

At the late Trial ye Gen^ll desires ye Court to inquire into ye matter tomorrow.

May 13th, 1778.

Capt Lyman in Col. Lee's regt is appointed Aid-camp to ye Gen^ll

Col Gratton having represented ye former good Behaviour of Serjeant Wares & John ~~Bryant~~ Bryant & petitioned for a Remission of the Corp^ll Punishment to wch they were sentenced, the Gen^ll In Consideration of their future good behaviour remitts their being Corporally Punished, & upon their refunding what they have received unjustly, they are released from confinement

May 14th 1778.

The Gen^ll Court Martial whereof Col^o Crain is President, as produced by Thos Harrison who had represented

to the Genl that he had several evidences who were not examined at the last Court & having also the Evidence of Mr Justice Greenleaf, the Court after the most mature Consideration are unanimously of Opinion that the Prisoner Thomas Harrison alias Williams Deserter Steel Wray Thos Browne &c is Guilty & in Conformation of the former Sentence of ye Court of the 7th; again Sentence him to be shot to Death. The Genll again approves the Sentence & orders it to be put into Execution at the time & place as directed by the order of the 8th inst. The Continentals posted at Prospect Hill Cambridge & Charlestown Neck are not to allow any British Soldier who is under the Convention of Saratoga to pass them under

pretence of being a Deserter or of being Desirous to Desert. .....

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at ye hospital at Sewalls Point is to presume to come into the Town of Boston after this day, or to exceed the Limits that have been assigned them until they are properly Cleansed & can produce Certificates thereof from ye Surgeon of the hospital Coll Gerrish will mount a Guard of one Sargent 1 Corporal & 13 Privates at Bunkerhill Col Crafts may omit ye removal of one of ye Comps of artillery from thence until further Orders

Lt John McNeal of the 9th Regt & Ensign George Howay of the 62d Regt having been guilty of a breach of ye Regulations subscribed to in their

Paroles, by being out at very unreasonable hours obtaining C Sign & refusing to attend the Court of Enquiry. The Genll orders that they remain within ye Chain of Centrys on Prospect Hill & that they or any of them are found without those limits they be immediately taken up & sent to this place. The Genll also orders that Sargent John Smith John Kennedy John Hurst James Fitzgerrel & Geo Gilbart now confined in the main Guard at Prospect Hill be sent onboard the Guard Ship

May 28th 1778

Early this morning made his escape from the M Guard at fort Hill Thos Hamilton alias Steel Williams & many other names who was under Sentence of Death for Desertion. Whoever will apprehend said Thos. Hamilton & safely convey him to the

M Geard in Boston shall receive one Hundred Dollars Reward.

May 21st 1778.

As several detachments have been detained from marching for some Days on acct of not having rec'd their pay & there is now a probability of the speedy arrival of the expected money, The Genl desires the Officers of the several Detachments to make every necessary preparation for their marching that there may be no delay after the money arrives.

Comd Officers Capt Waterhouse
St Aber
St Mullican

May 23d 1778.

The new Hospital at West Boston near Boston Point being now ready

for the reception of the sick of the Army the Patients at the Hospital in Winter St. are to be removed & the Commanding officers of Corps will please to send their sick with proper Certificates to the new Hospital above mentioned where the best care will be taken of them.

A sum of money having this day arrived from york Town the Commands officers of Corps may forward their abstr for pay as soon as they please next week

May 25th 1778

The Independent Compy Commanded by Col Hitchborn are to attend the honorable Council on Wednesday next. Capt. Partridges Compy are to mount all the Guards at Dorchester Heights on that Day. The Genl desires the D Q M G to give orders to the different Teamsters in this Town &

at Cambridge to avoid carting on the Lords day except in cases that will not admit of delay without injury to the service.

The friends of Ensign John Brown now under sentence of Death having petitioned the Genll Congress for a Pardon, his execution is suspended till Friday the 26th of June next at 10 o'clock A.M.

28 May, 1778

The Companies belonging to Col Starns Regt now doing Duty at Cambridge & Capt Heath Company in Boston are not to remove from their present post till further orders.

Col. Michael Jackson is appointed Presidt of the Genll Court-Martial in the Room of Col Crane who is excusd.

After orders of May 25 th

That part of Capt Belchers Comp.ys whose Time of Service is expired this Day they are immediately to return the Cooking Utensils Ammunition after which they are discharged from further duty with the Gen.l Thanks for their service. Lt. Col. Symes with his 2 M.r & Sarjt Major will please to continue on duty until until a Field & proper Staff officer arrives in Town from Col. Stearns regt The two Comp.ys from Col. Stearns Regt. now quarter'd at Roxbury are to march into Boston to morrow morning. The Two Comp.ys doing Duty at Castle Island are to come in Boats on Thursday morning, & the Comp.y doing Duty at Cambg. will march into Boston Friday next The several Comp.s to do Duty in Boston until further orders. Capt. Heaths

are to march from Boston to Cambridge & join their corps.

List of Capt Brown's Comp.y Apl. 14th 1778

Sargents	Corporals	Dr. & Fife
Thos Bachellor	Burrill Potter	Sylvester Pickett
Jos.h Stocker	Jos.h Danforth	Benj. Morse
Nath.l Herman	Nath.l Goldsmith	
Saml Sawin	John Ireson	

Privates

Wm Atwell	Walter Kittle	Wm Rise
John Averall	Jos.h Lindsey	John Roads
Jos.h Anthony	Benj.a Merry	Ebenr Richardson
Rufus Brown	Epes Mansfield	Nath.l Stacey
Thos Benford	Isaack Meacham	Silas Sargeant
Jona Bachellor	Nath.l Nudge	Jacob Stone
Benj.a Bowen	James Newhall	Robt Stone
Jno Bassett	Jos.h Newhall Jr	Abr Smith
Thos Chever	Amos Newhall	Saml Switzer
Thos Calley	Jona Newhall	Wm Skinner
Wm Cose	And.w Newhall	John Tuck
I. Diamond	Thos Nicholson	Noah Thomas
Robt Felt	Micajer Newhall	Sam.l Tainer
Thos Flack	John Pearce	Dan.l Watts
Sil.r Humphreys	Ben Porter	Wm Witteman
Saml Hallowell	Amos Humphreys	Wm Bowen
Moses Hadley	Benj.a Pedrick	Amos Humphreys
Wm Hobbon	Jos.h Pritchard	
Jos.h Huntington	Tho.s Perkins	60
Moses Hood	Jos.h Peach	
Ezek.l Howard	Ebrs	
Josh.a Howard	Jesse Roads	

The 9th British Regt of the Convention is to march for Rutland on Tuesday morning next precisely at 8 o'C They are to be escorted by Compy belonging to Col Stearns Regt. now doing duty at Cambridge which is to be completed to 60 rank & file if it present Strength is short of yt to the Co. is to be completed from Col Reed's Regt. The Detachment is to draw four days provision yt day before they march two or three of which is to be Cooked for the purpose of Cooking on yt March. The cooking utensils is to be carried on, Maj Hopkins will seasonably furnish the necessary Waggons.

June 9th 1778

A subaltern or capable Sergt & 12 men are to be sent early tomorrow morning from yt troops in yt Barracks

at Roxbury to cut sod on the bottom of the Common in Boston under ye Direction of Col Gridley. They are to be at the Great Elm Tree, near the State Park of artillery at 8 o'clock. They are to bring their dinners with them. A like number is to be sent Daily except on Lord's Day Till further Orders.

A Sabatteria & 20 men from Col. Symes detachment are to be sent to ye Fort on Fort Hill on Tuesday morng. next for the purpose of repairing the Fort. A like No. to be sent daily till further orders &c.

After orders June 11th 1778.

A strict & watchful Eye is to be kept over ye Prisoners of War removed this morning from the Guard Ship to Prospect Hill They are to be Quartered as compact

together as possible & ye Sentrys have a particular Charge respecting them. No one of them is to be allowed to pass under pretence of being a servant to any officer or to come without the Chain of Sentrys on any pretence without any pretence whatever without express order from the Genl in writing.

June 19th 1778.

Field officer for the day tomorrow Lt. Col. Goodwin – Lt. Pearson Lt. Woodbury F Lines. The funeral of the unfortunate Lt. Brown is to be this afternoon The Genl desires yt every mark of decency & respect may be exhibited in the countenance & behaviour of the Guards at the solemnity of death in every instance dictates as well becoming rational beings every act of kindness to be afforded a

Sufficient number of non Commissioned & Privates of the Convention are to be permitted to bear the Corps from the funeral house to the Place of interment.

After Orders June 20th 1778.

The Court of Enquiry whereof Col. Prescott having carefully examined the Evidence against Joshua Howard, a soldier belonging to Col. Jarvis's regt. his stabbing a German soldier of the Convention, are of opinion from the said Evidence that the Centinel did his Duty like a good soldier & ought to be releated from confinement the arrest ord. to be releated immediately.

The Court of Enquiry whereof Col. Jarvis is President is to set on Monday next at 9 o'Clock A.M. to examine the conduct of the Centinel posted on at Prospect Hill on the 17th inst & now confined

in ye M.Guard for shooting Lt. Richard Brown of ye 21 British Regt.

June 28th 1778

The Court of Enquiry having sat several days & with care examin'd such evidence as have appeard before them respecting Lt. Brown of the 21st regt. British being shot on ye 9th inst. by Wm. Green a soldier of Col Reid's regt of Guards then past a Centinel at Prospect Hill. After duly considering the several evidences are of opinion that ye unfortunate Lt. Brown, in attempting to pass ye chain of Centries with two women contrary to ye standing orders of the Garison was shot by ye s^d Wm. Green who did no more than his duty & ought to be released. He was discharged accordingly

July 2d 1778

The Hon[ble] Congress having been pleased to express their pleasure yt Ens[n] John Brown who is under sentence of death should be executed, the solemn act will be performed on the 9th inst at 10 Oc. A.M., the time to which he stands reprieved

July 3d 1778

Tomorrow the 4th inst being the Anniversary of the memorable declaration of the Independence of America, it is to be properly celebrated by the Garrison in Continental Service at 12 oclock at noon; 13 cannon are to be discha. from the Fort on Fort Hill. Col. Crafts will please to order a proper detachm[t] to perform this service, after the Fort

Last fired 13 cannon from Dorch.r Heights.
Col. Crafts will give orders to Col
Revere respecting the firing at the cas-
tle & Dorch.r Heights. The Invalids will
be under arms on their alarms post
at 12 &c. properly dressed, armed &
accoutred where they will fire three
vollies. The detachment under y.e com-
and of Capt. Parkman except those
on duty will join the Boston Regt.

After Orders July 6th 1778

Sargent of the Train of the Corps of
Invalids & 6 privates from that Corps
& one Corporal & three privates from
Col. Aldens Comp.y of Col. Aldens regt.
are to execute Thos Harrison alias
Steel Williams, &c. &c. to morrow morn-
ing. This detachment is [to] parade
before the Gen.l Quarters properly

dressed armed & Accoutred, precisely at half past 9. All the other corps & detachments are to be under arms on the Common precisely at 10 o'clock

Col. Crafts field Officer of the day tomorrow. Adjutant Harwhall to attend him.

[Dr. T. Larkin Turner put the original of the previous pages into my hands with liberty to copy, 30 June 1887. I have copied only parts — of the greatest interest — regarding Boston & vicinity. — On the last cover is a modern record: —

"In the year 1833, 55 years, after the above [1778] date. Nathan Bowen drew a pension for service herein set down & other service: 3 months in all, & received $80.- per yr beginning 4th March, 1831."

"Nathan Bowen died August 9th 1837."]